

CAMA Services: A Historical Timeline

1972: CAMA begins work in Vietnam.

1986: International Fellowship of Alliance Professionals (IFAP) begins with the first couple to serve in a creative-access location (language teaching).

2007: CAMA becomes organizationally distinct from Alliance International Ministries (IM), electing its own board and president.

2009: IFAP becomes “marketplace ministries” (mm).

2010: Envision is launched (initially named “Praxis”).

2014: IM begins using the term “fields and teams” to distinguish regionally administrated work from the three newer specializations (CAMA, mm, Envision).

2016: Discussion begins among senior Alliance leadership about the possibility of IM structural changes.

2017:

- CAMA leadership (January) and its board (April) join change conversation.
- Proposed changes within IM and CAMA are shared with field-level leaders at Global Leadership Conference in Spain (December).

2018:

- CAMA Board of Directors votes for CAMA to be structurally integrated with IM (January 8).
- C&MA Board of Directors approves CAMA’s recommendation (February 22).
- CAMA Board holds final meetings (April 4–6).

Future Plans

- **Summer 2018:** IM’s new leadership groupings will begin functioning with CAMA’s integration.
- **Fall 2018 to early 2019:**
 - Research and planning for changes to
 - Marketing (how we talk about missions in The Alliance;) and
 - Funding (the way Alliance churches and people support Alliance work) will be presented to the C&MA Board.
 - Council 2019 will include presentation of structural changes made and renewed outlook for Alliance missions.
- **2019 to 2020:** Marketing and funding changes will be implemented.

The goal of CAMA’s integration with IM is a more holistic Alliance missions ministry, better suited for this chapter of Great Commission completion, providing increased opportunities—more than ever previously available—for additional Alliance people with varied gifts to be involved in Alliance missions.

